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PROF. GRISHAM HONORED

Presentation of a Loving Cup by Lincoln High School Alumni to Their Former Principal.

RAH, RAH, RAH, SIS BOOM, LINCOLN! LINCOLN! GRISHAM!

That a prophet is not always without honor in his own country or his home town was clearly demonstrated Monday evening at the Paseo Y. M. C. A. auditorium, the occasion being a testimonial tendered Prof. G. N. Grisham by Lincoln High School Alumni Association. Bouquets of oratory, beauty roses of joyous welcome, laurel wreaths of acclamation like unto a royal coronation were promiscuously interspersed with school pennants, school colors of gold and blue, native palms and garlanded jardiniere, which made a setting for the rostrum wherein sat the guest of honor and his corps of teachers. Nor was homage being paid to a new arrival, a conquering hero just entering our gates, whose fame and whose coming had been heralded by the blare of trumpets as a fit accompaniment to his itinerary. It was a voluntary heart-felt expression of sincere regard of unqualified appreciation, of deep reverence for a man who for twenty-six years had walked erect before them, teaching them by precept and example how to think, how to act, how to do and what to be in the greater school in which they must be pupils and scholars, and in turn teachers and more-over efficient doers in the work of the world. There was the bushing maiden just on the threshold of womanhood, her last year's diploma scarcely dry, and the beardless youth gazing dimly into futurity like old Balboa as he stood in the shallow waters of the newly discovered Pacific, its illimitable expanse still an unknown region.

Recitation—Magnolia Lewis '96. Vocal Solo—Katherine Adams '15. Presentation—Lorraine Richardson Green '07. Response—Prof. G. N. Grisham. Piano Solo—Cora Carr '07. President Williams in stating the object of the meeting paid a high tribute to the distinguished ex-principal, who May 1, on account of his long service and failing health had voluntarily tendered his resignation to the Board of Education much to its regret and which won from that august body a series of resolutions expressive of its high regard for his culture, the efficiency he had brought to bear in the organization of Lincoln High School and the direction of his forces for more than a score of years. President Williams did not believe in saving rosebuds to be scattered alone in cemeteries; with the poet he held that if with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing; If you like him or you love him, tell him now; Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow; For, no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it; He won't know how many teardrops you have shed; If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him, For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead! They owe a duty to the living. The

and higher honors. Its prestige must grow and widen with the years. The 25 classes that had gone from him number, all told 512 graduates, must contribute to this end. The one hundred or more present could be propagandists of his dream and ardent wish for greater victories to be won and vaster glory to be achieved. In the larger life they must stand for that for which he had labored to make Lincoln High School stand, the best there is in men and women to achieve. Round after round of applause greeted his appearance and followed his closing words. It was an occasion long to be remembered. Aside from the loving cup, a memory volume was handed Prof. Grisham in which seventy-six of the Alumni had penned his autograph under his favorite sentiment.

A touching incident of the affair was the concern exhibited for Miss Carrie Nunly, class of '02, who, an invalid for the past six years, was unable to attend. To her had been carried the loving cup and book of sentiments for her inspection and an appropriate floral offering. Rah, rah, rah, sis boom Lincoln—Lincoln. Grisham.

J. DALLAS BOWSER.



A special car will leave Monday over the Missouri Pacific containing the delegates and representatives to the Grand United Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star to be held in St. Louis next week. About fifty delegates will go from here.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Paseo C. M. E. church, 1815 Paseo, will hold its third quarterly meeting next Sunday, July 18. The public is invited. If you want to have or enjoy a spiritual feast be sure and come. Rev. P. D. Wells of Bethel A. M. E. church will preach the sacramental sermon. All are welcome. J. R. McCLAIN, Pastor.

Negro Business League

All members are summoned to meet at our rooms, 1803 E. 18th street, Friday night, July 23, to make arrangements for entertaining the National League in 1916 and to send a representative to Boston to present our claims.



GEN. WM. H. BUTLER, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Commanding all the Uniform Rank, K. of P. of Missouri, and a commander of much ability and experience. He will take the First and Second Regiments of Missouri with two regimental bands and 600 men to the Supreme Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, August 15.

SILVER JUBILEE.

St. Louis and the Silver Jubilee is the watchword from all over the jurisdiction. Letters are pouring in to headquarters, telling of the enthusiasm everywhere.

St. Joseph Degree Team will come down to exemplify the Queen of the South Degree and has nearly \$500 for railroad fare.

Kansas City is coming with one of the largest delegations that ever left that city, on a special.

Southeast Missouri is making preparations, as well as Nebraska, Oregon, Arizona, Montana, and visitors from Arkansas, Texas, Florida, Minnesota, Ohio and Illinois. Some of the main features of the Silver Jubilee celebration at the Coliseum, Thursday, July 22, will be a committee of 100 citizens, an escort of Mayor Kell, under the direction of Lawyer W. R. Hill, Assistant City Counselor; Attorney Geo. L. Vaughn, W. B. Osborne, Milton F. Fields, Wm. Robinson, Jeff Covington, C. A. Pittman, James W. Grant and Hutchins Inge; a committee of 100 children, under the direction of Miss A. J. Mayes and Miss Harriet Lamb; a committee of 25, escort to Madame C. J. Walker, of Indianapolis, under the direction of Mrs. Jessie D. Robinson and Mrs. Packard; a committee of 25, escort to Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, under the direction of Mrs. Maggie Cannon and Mrs. J. O. W. Alexander; a committee of 25, escort to Sara May Talbert, under the direction of Miss A. M. Williams and the Young Ladies' Reading Club.

Other features will be: A living star, the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, Blue Lodge and Order Eastern Star, with spectacular drills.

Grand Master Nelson C. Crews will speak and Blind Boone will play an original Jubilee ode. Many other interesting features will be witnessed. Royal Grand Patron George W. K. Love will preside.

Music will be furnished by the Great Western band, under the leadership of Prof. William Flowers. Jas. W. Grant, master of ceremonies, will appear promptly at 9:30 sharp.—The Argus.

OF INTEREST TO KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Carrollton Commandery No. 10 and Moberly Commandery with Grand Commander W. G. Mosely made a very imposing escort for Grand Master Crews in laying the cornerstone for the \$1,800 Masonic building at Dalton last Saturday.

Double blankets, sheets, pillows and cots will be furnished for the entire week at the grand encampment for 55 cents. Tents housing 12 men for \$6.50; housing 40 men \$12.50. Meals will be served from mess tent on the ground for 25 cents.

Mrs. L. G. Renfro has returned to Kansas City to visit her stepfather, Chas. H. Pendleton, 2459 Vine street, after an absence of eight years. Her husband will join her soon. Mrs. Renfro has many old friends who are planning to make her visit a pleasant one. Mrs. Renfro was formerly Miss Emma F. Bryant.

The executive committee of the Missouri-Kansas Knights Templar Association will meet with Royal Arch Commandery, Kansas City, Kas., next Sunday at 2:00 p. m. The Masonic

BILLY KERSANDS DEAD.

Well Known Minstrel Takes Last Curtain in Artesia, N. Mex.—Interment at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The original and only Billy Kersands, the colored minstrel, died at Artesia, N. M., June 30, of heart failure. He was 73 years old, but still in the game. He was giving two performances in Artesia with the Negro & Seven Shows when his demise came almost immediately after the second show. Billy Kersands had been on the American stage for nearly fifty years.

MASONIC.

Last Sunday Grand Master Crews gathered up a few of the local brethren and went out to Edwardsville to assist the Kansas frat in laying the cornerstone of a new lodge building. The day was hot and matters dragged along very slowly until that part of the program was reached for an address by the grand orator. Brother Crews was acting in that capacity and, though tired and almost exhausted with the oppressive heat, he made one of the most effective and stimulating talks ever heard by a body of people upon such an occasion. Everybody wondered how he could do it and the answer is that he simply possesses that rare genius of adaptability and practical alertness of mind that a seldom found among men of any race. His talk was along homely lines and every word reached the intended spot. People stood in the hot sunshine, passing autos paused, farmers came out upon their porches to listen to his eloquent words and all went away wondering how he could do it.—Herald.

The editor was the recipient of a very handsome gift from his friend and brother, Martin H. Young, proprietor of the Spotted Kitchen which he cherishes very much.

ST. PAUL LODGE NO. 12, A. F. & A. M., OF COLUMBIA, MO.

Celebrate the Forty-sixth Birthday of Its Existence in Grand Style.

One of the grandest banquets ever given in Central Missouri was by the Master Masons of Columbia in commemoration of the 46th birthday of their lodge, a lodge that has made unparalleled progress numerically and financially and ranks third in size in the state of Missouri. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Hon. Nelson C. Crews, was the distinguished guest of the evening. He was met at the train by Worshipful Master J. H. Renfro and escorted through the principal streets of the beautiful city in an automobile. Columbia Hall, the scene of the banquet, was beautifully decorated by Mr. Jesse Washington, who is an adept at that business. The ban-



PROF. J. A. RENFRO
Worshipful Master of St. Paul Lodge No. 12, Columbia, Mo.

quet feast managed by Mr. Slater Logan, assisted by Messrs. Jas. Bryant, Serman Rohmet, Mrs. Alice Williams, Mrs. Henry Kirklin, Mrs. Ora Yeager and Mrs. Birda Davenport, was declared to have been the best of its kind served in Columbia. In the receiving line were eight gentlemen and ladies who escorted the guests of the evening to the private reception rooms and thence to the general reception room, where were seated the M. W. G. M. and the Past Masters of St. Paul Lodge. The Worshipful Master introduced the guests to the Grand Master as they entered the general reception room, from thence they were ushered into the spacious auditorium. At 9 o'clock the Past Master marched into the auditorium. The Grand Master was escorted to the stage by Mr. Logan Williams and Edward Henderson and the Master of St. Paul Lodge as they entered they were greeted with a round of applause. The following program was rendered to an audience of 350 persons:

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Chorus—National Air by the Master Masons led by the M. W. Grand Master.

After the program a delightful supper was served in quite an elaborate style and was a credit to any organization.

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PORO CLUB

The Poro Club met at 1030 36th street with Mrs. Franklin, after business was completed a delicious luncheon was served. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. D. Walker, 111 Greeley avenue. Those present were: Mrs. Dora Snyder, Mrs. D. Walker, Mrs. G. A. Gibson, Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. L. Jacobs, Mrs. F. Cook, Mrs. H. Miller, Mrs. B. Franklin, Mrs. A. Williams, president; Mrs. C. Williams, secretary.

LOYALTY.

An Interesting Paper Read by the Poro Club by Mrs. W. Williams.

Many criticisms have been heaped upon the Poro agents and we have so far stood the test. Poro limits may boast of greater circulation, greater influence, but Poro is the foundation of them all. We, the Poro Club, assembled again not to hold our hands and laugh and joke, but to inspire. This club organized two years ago or almost two years, I do not remember the exact date, as our first minutes were lost. It seems but yesterday as we are such busy people. There seems to have wings, but we know such has been accomplished. It takes time and patience to accomplish what has been done and such few members do the work. A great deal more could have been accomplished if we members had been loyal and attended each meeting. I feel some would attend if it were possible, but others are neglectful. We did not organize this Club for fun or a show, but this club was organized to unite all Poro agents in Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Mo. That each and every agent would get acquainted, and second to protect each other from being deceived by imitators in our district. We cannot accomplish this work if we are not loyal to the Club. Each and every member should attend the Club meetings; we do not meet but once a month. Don't wait until you are in distress, but be loyal; get out to each meeting and help us grow strong. I do not think it is loyal to those that attend the Club to make laws and attend to all business and other members reap the benefits. Each and every member as a duty to this Club should attend and make themselves useful. Suppose something should happen in your district or you would hear something that would be interesting to the Club. You stay at home; how are we to help you when you do not come out and report. We are not mind readers. Be loyal to us and we will be loyal to you. There has been some very good work accomplished and our president cannot be excelled. I must say she is loyal to this Club. I hear some say: "I cannot be running to that Club meeting all of the time spending my money. I have my living to make; I need this and more." The rest of us are striving just like you, but the fourth Friday in each month was set apart for the Club meeting so why not be loyal as other members? Another thing, I want to impress upon your mind is to be loyal to the one that taught you. Did you ever stop to think what a responsibility you were undertaking when you began to take the Poro lessons and when you received your diploma, you were ready for work; that is when your responsibility began. What did you think of most—the money, or how well you were going to discharge your duty; each person that comes under our care trust you to treat their scalp as we would have someone treat ours. I know the money was one aspiration, but we must remember we must in return for the money give satisfaction and then you will feel proud within yourself when you see how you have made the hair of that person grow and hear praise through others; and we members also feel proud to hear one of our number praised. It seems that the Poro Agents are having a hard struggle. Why? Because we are not loyal. Poro Club will win if we are loyal, but unloyal we fail.

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Who was presented a magnificent loving cup by the Alumni Association of Lincoln High School.

And among these the sturdy husband, the cheery wife and mother, maybe, men and women of affairs, some whose hairs were sprinkled with gray as cares and added years had come to them since their graduation under this master pilot more than a score of years ago.

Back of this charmed circle were gathered a large coterie of friends and neighbors, patrons most of them, who had been a looker on all these years at the upright noble bearing of this able educator.

To Mrs. Howard M. Smith was largely due the conception of the organization of the Association and the perfection of the arrangements which were so happily consummated. In this effort she was ably assisted by her various committees including forty or fifty loyal supporters of the movement.

Mr. Launey Smith, class of '97, placed his car at the disposal of President Williams. Mrs. Hetty Nix and Mrs. Rosa Pratt Moore as a committee to capture the professor at his apartments and escort him to the hall where Arthur Toney, class of '10 led in the several class and school yells. The roster of officers follows:

James E. Williams, president. Claudia Quarles, vice president. Wendell Green, 2d vice president. Anna B. Smith, secretary. Maud Harris, assistant secretary. Edward Thompson, treasurer.

Geo. W. K. Love, chairman executive committee. Roscoe Blake, chairman program committee. Kenneth Oden, chairman attendance committee. Daisy McKnight, chairman music committee. Inez Page, chairman by-laws committee. Grace Middleton, chairman arrangements committee.

The following interesting program was carried out with the exception of Miss Lewis, who failed to be present: Invocation—Rev. Leslie B. Cheeks '10. Chorus—"Memories of Lincoln High School."

Vocal Solo—Opal Bolen '15. Address by President James E. Williams '09.

Duet—Roscoe Blake '15 and Lemuel Russell.

"The Lincoln High Alumni Association." Claude Quarles '12.

Vocal Solo—Genevieve Wilson '13. Instrumental Solo—Lorenzo Countee '13.

flowerets of Eden should succor and cheer the toiler while yet in his sense to inhale their fragrance and be charmed by their beauty. They had gathered here to scatter flowers at the feet of their beloved Gamaliel. They had come to place a chaplet upon his brow woven of the forget-me-nots of their admiration and gratitude.

Miss Claudia Quarles told in a brief paper of the origin and purpose of the Association. Its members desired to keep alive cherished memories of their Alma Mater, of the struggles and mutual triumphs and hopes for the future. They had enlisted a campaign co-operation for mutual inspiration and for the world's betterment.

The presentation speech by Mrs. Lorraine Richardson Green was a gem of gesture and word painting. The speaker revealed in encomiums of praise; the scholar, the educator, the orator, the philanthropist, the citizen, the man were in turn the beneficiary of her eloquent portrayal of his life and work.

Prof. Grisham received from her hands a beautiful silver loving cup supported by an ebony base, engraved thereon was the following inscription: "From the Lincoln High School Alumni Association to G. N. Grisham as a token of gratitude for years of service and benevolence, July 12, 1915."

Prof. Grisham was visibly affected; tears filled his eyes and his emotions were big with a sense alike of joy and sorrow as he himself confessed in a response that to many who heard it was the best of his life. He felt glad of this reception, this manifest appreciation of what he had tried to do but it was with regret that of the little he had accomplished he realized that there had been so much more left undone of the great work needed to be done. He could find no fault with his ambitions, his aspirations or his ideals; nor had he shirked a single duty as he saw it. He had tried to weave a beautiful fabric of manhood and womanhood out of the crude materials that had come to him and it was with pleasure that the judgment of his former pupils here assembled had pronounced his work good. He wanted to see the standard of efficiency of Lincoln High School raised, not lowered; that his successor, whoever he might be, would bring to the school added strength, vigor and power to organize and shape its future. Lincoln High School must achieve newer